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Special Article

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE TRADING IN TEXTILES

In the following table are given the index numbers of trading by wholesale textile houses in August, with comparative figures for earlier periods, the index numbers relating to (1) sales for Home Trade, (2) sales for Export and (3) the value of stocks at the end of the month, based on average monthly sales or stocks in 1937 = 100. The figures, which are compiled by the Wholesale Textile Association in collaboration with the Bank of England, do not include the turnover of all the wholesale textile houses, but practically all the important houses in the large centres of distribution are normally contributors; owing to war-time disturbances the sample has become less representative than it used to be. The particulars relate to all classes of textile goods, including wearing apparel for men, women and children, as well as furnishings, and also some non-textile goods; in computing the value of sales or stocks the purchase tax has been omitted. In view of the appreciable rise in price which has occurred for a number of textile goods since the outbreak of war, the figures should not be taken as representing the volume of goods sold or in stock.

Period	Home Trade	Export Trade	Stocks
Year:—			
1935 ...	96	83	90
1936 ...	99	90	92
1937 ...	100	100	100
1938 ...	94	82	94
1939 ...	105	80	86
1940 ...	118	85	93
1941 ...	98	116	83

Month	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941*	1942*
January...	63	75	67	130	81	109
February	106	119	68	83	82	104
March ...	124	128	102	114	79	95
April ...	102	105	93	109	76	88
May ...	88	100	109	97	82	91
June ...	122	108	105	77	71	87
July ...	75	88	130	65	83	101
August ...	83	95	105	37	86	99
September	107		128		91	
October...	107		142		87	
November	109		145		81	
December	67		148		93	

* End of month.

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August. In peace-time August is usually a slack month "between seasons," with home trade sales some 30 per cent. below the year's average; these seasonal movements are now however much smaller, and this year's index is barely 5 per cent. below the average of the 12 preceding months. The same factors had been at work to moderate the seasonal slump in July, so that the movement between July and August (a rise of 8 per cent.) was fairly normal. Despite the reduction in the clothes ration there is an increase of nearly 15 per cent. compared with a year ago, only part of which is due to higher prices, and it seems as if winter goods have started to go out earlier this year than last. (The same tendency was seen with spring goods in February.)

The stocks index fell by 2 per cent. during August, whereas in peace-time it normally rose by 10 per cent. as a result of low sales and fairly heavy purchases, made in anticipation of large dispatches of winter goods in September. Stocks are however 15 per cent. above the level of August 1941, and are also above the average of earlier months this year.

Announcements

NOTE: Copies of all Orders referred to in the "Board of Trade Journal" can be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office, or through any bookseller. New Orders, however, may not be immediately available.

EXPORT LICENSING

EXPORT OF GOODS (CONTROL) (NO. 39) ORDER 1942

Under the Export of Goods (Control) (No. 39) Order 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1907, price 1d.) which comes into force on 12 October 1942, control is extended to cover all waxes, natural gums, resins and lacs, and mixtures containing these materials. The Order also extends export control to certain additional chemicals.

I. Licences will, in future, be required to export the following classes of goods to all destinations:—

Locust bean kernel gum and size.

Magnesium chloride and mixtures containing magnesium chloride.

Papain.

II. The existing licensing requirements with respect to (*a*) gum arabic, gum benzoin, gum copal, gum damar, gum kauri, rosin (colophony) and shellac, seedlac, sticklac and other varieties of these lacs; (*b*) lubricating oils and compounds; (*c*) mineral jelly; (*d*) oils, fats and greases, petroleum, crude or refined, shale oil, crude or refined and turpentine; and (*e*) beeswax, candelilla wax, carnauba wax, mineral waxes, mixtures of waxes and mixtures of waxes with stearine (stearic acid) or polythene are superseded by the provisions that licences will, in future, be required to export:—

(*a*) Gums, resins and lacs, natural, and mixtures (other than medicinal preparations, paints and varnishes) containing such gums, resins or lacs.

(*b*) Lubricating or greasing compositions.

(*c*) Mineral jelly and mixtures containing mineral jelly, but not including medicinal preparations other than medicated toilet preparations.

(*d*) Oils, fats and greases, and mixtures consisting wholly or mainly thereof, but not including distempers, lacquers, varnishes, paints and painters' enamels or medicinal preparations other than medicated toilet preparations.

(*e*) Waxes and mixtures containing wax or waxes.

III. Control is extended to cover all mixtures (other than paints and medicinal preparations) containing casein and ingredients derived from casein.

IV. It is made clear that the control in respect of soap of all kinds does not extend to scourers containing less than 6 per cent. by weight of anhydrous soap.

CONTROL OF TIN CANS, ETC.

An additional series of regulations designed to reduce the country's consumption of tin became operative on 25 September 1942, under the Control of Tins, Cans, Kegs, Drums and Packaging Pails (No. 8) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1870, price 1d.) issued by the Ministry of Supply.

Further restrictions are imposed upon the manufacture from tinplate of whole or certain parts of containers used for the distribution on the Home market of a number of commodities, including some foostuffs. They have, however, been designed to ensure that adequate protection of the product packed can be obtained by the use of containers made from steel coated not with tin but with a protective lacquer or varnish which are still permitted under the terms of the Order.

LAUNDRY CONTROL: NOTICE TO PROPRIETORS

The Board of Trade have made an Order, Laundry (Control) (No. 2) Order (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1901, price 1d.), requiring proprietors of laundries employing more than 10 persons who intend to close down temporarily or permanently to give not less than 14 days' notice in writing to the Director of Laundry Services, Board of Trade, Neville House, Page Street, London, S.W.1.

CONTROL OF TIMBER

£1 SALES

It has come to the notice of the Minister of Supply that some retail sellers of timber are using forms of declaration which do not comply with the law (as shown in the schedule to the Control of Timber (No. 24) Order, 1942, see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 30 May 1942, page 270). Sales of timber, plywood, boxboards or veneer to the value of £1 or less made under any other declarations, are subject to the licensing and price provisions of the Control of Timber (No. 21) Order, 1941 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 10 January 1942, page 20). Supplies of the appropriate form R.S. 1 may be obtained from the nearest Timber Control Area Office.

TRANSPORT SUBSIDY ON HOME GROWN MINING TIMBER

Notice is hereby given that the transport subsidy for home grown mining timber despatched on and after 16 September will be used upon the excess carriage over 10s. per ton, instead of the excess carriage over 15s. per ton as hitherto, subject to all other conditions as laid down in the Notice (T.47) issued on 30 August 1940, and all subsequent notices on this subject. (See the "Board of Trade Journal" of 5 September 1940 (pages 151-152), 14 March 1942 (page 142), 4 April 1942 (page 185), and 21 September 1942 (page 431)).

CONTROL OF DOMESTIC PROPERTY

ADDITIONS TO EXPORTERS' LIST

*Additions to the list of persons authorised under Paragraph 4 of the Domestic Pottery (Manufacture and Supply) Directions 1942 * to acquire domestic pottery other than undecorated domestic pottery for exportation.*

Arbuckle, Smith & Co. Ltd., 44 Derby Road, Liverpool, 20.
Blackwood, Bryson & Co. Ltd., 17 Stanley Road, Sutton, Surrey.
Dominion Shippers Ltd., 48 Springfield Road, London, N.W.8.
Goodman, I. H., 2 Finsbury Court, Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C.2.
Icelandic Trading Corporation Ltd., Neville House, Railway Approach, London, S.E.1.
Pearson, Adam & Co. Ltd., 5 Palace Court, Palace Road, London, S.W.2.
Salomon, Walter H., 59a London Wall, London, E.C.2.
Syndicate-Alliance Trading Company Inc., Victoria House, Southampton Row, London, W.C. 1.
Weltie, F. A., 34 Gt. St. Helens, London, E.C.3.

DOMESTIC POTTERY (MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY) ORDER, 1942

A second Direction (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1876, price 1d.) dated 15 September, under the Domestic Pottery (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1942, has been issued amending the Domestic Pottery (Manufacture and Supply) Directions, 1942 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 6 June 1942, page 282). It provides that any marking on domestic pottery, other than the letter showing the price group of the ware, the name of the manufacturer and the Registered Trade Mark of the manufacturer, constitutes decoration and may not, therefore, be applied.

On the same date, an Open General Licence (S. R. & O. No. 1877, obtainable price 1d., from H.M. Stationery Office or through any bookseller) was issued allowing domestic pottery to be stamped with the initials of the main line Railways of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the London Passenger Transport Board.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

ADVICE TO SHIPPERS

NEUTRAL VESSELS AGAINST WHICH DISCRIMINATION IS BEING EXERCISED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE

(*a*) SHIPOWNERS ON THE STATUTORY LIST

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are hereby notified that the following vessels belong to owners

* S. R. & O. No. 1039.

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who are included in the Statutory List, and that it is an offence against the Trading with the Enemy Act for any shipper to make use of such vessels. Shipments by such vessels in addition to being liable to seizure render the shippers or those connected with the consignment liable to prosecution.

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners or Charterers
Galatasaray	Turkey	724	Sadikoglu, Aslan, Kaptan
Ollanta	Peru	144	Mrs. G. A. de Leembuis, Callao
Cala Antio	Spain	134	Naviera Mallorquina (D. Ramis Mut.)
Cala Contesa ...	Ditto	207	Ditto
Cala Falco	Ditto	75	Ditto
Cala Galiota... ...	Ditto	100	Ditto
Cala Llamp	Ditto	126	Ditto
Cala Llonga... ...	Ditto	111	Ditto
Cala Marsal	Ditto	199	Ditto
Cala Mondrago ...	Ditto	203	Ditto
Cala Morlanda ...	Ditto	293	Ditto
Cala Murta	Ditto	152	Ditto
Cala Pi	Ditto	197	Ditto
Cala Gat	Ditto	283	Ditto
Cala Tuent	Ditto	121	Ditto
Juanot Colom ...	Ditto	111	Ditto
Manuel Guasp ...	Ditto	123	Ditto
Piedad	Ditto	90	Ditto
Cala Fornells ...	Ditto	93	Ditto
Cala Virgili	Ditto	96	Ditto
Cala Bona	Ditto	72	Ditto
Cala Castell	Ditto	123	Ditto.
Cala Mitjana ...	Ditto	92	Ditto.
Eduardo Weibel ...	Ditto	229	Ditto
Jose Trujillo ...	Spain	338	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
Almagro	Argentina	282	A. M. Delfino y Cia
San Martin	Ditto	220	Ditto
Comodoro Rivadavia	Ditto	4,482	Argentina Neuva Cia General de Navegacion
Rio Blanco (ex Madryn) ...	Ditto	1,827	Ditto
Atleta	Ditto	105	La Portena Empresa de Remolcadores
Ciclope	Ditto	173	Ditto
Coloso	Ditto	247	Ditto
Gigante	Ditto	236	Ditto
Goliat	Ditto	237	Ditto
Hercules	Ditto	173	Ditto
Samson	Ditto	237	Ditto
Titan	Ditto	188	Ditto
Pescador	Portugal	332	Transportes Mecanicos Mario Silva
Transportador (ex Trevo 2°) ...	Ditto	202	A. Transportadora Ltda
Esmeralda	Argentina	4,328	Dolphin Company, Inc.
(ex Oitul)	(ex Roumania)		(Mgr. Alex Vlasov)
Tropicus	Argentina	3,609	Ditto
(ex Prahova) ...	(ex Roumania)		
Omega	Panama	3,638	Ditto
(ex Siretul)	(ex Roumania)		
San Martin	Argentina	8,498	Argentina de Navegacion Lloyd Argentina S.A.
(ex Lahn)	(ex German)		
Belgrano	Argentina	4,318	Ditto
(ex Nienburg) ...	(ex German)		
Santa Fe	Argentina	2,446	Ditto
(ex Anatolia) ...	(ex German)		
Industrial	Spain	313	Soc. Anon. Cristobal Colon of Madrid
Marina	Ditto	172	Ditto
Suevia	Ditto	353	Ditto
San Isidro Labrador	Ditto	235	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
San Juan II... ...	Ditto	552	Ditto
Adeje...	Ditto	253	Ditto
Isora...	Ditto	316	Ditto
Vicente	Ditto	534	Cia Naviera Levantina Ltda.
Laguna	Brazil	620	Herman Stoltz & Co. Rio de Janeiro
Nina (ex Dina) ...	Portugal	273	Madureira E. Rego. Lda.
Delfin	Spain	98	Julio Gonsalez Martin, Las Palmas
Maria Bonmatti ...	Ditto	54	Ditto
Sebastian	Ditto	3,024	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes
Tercio Montejurra ...	Ditto	549	Ditto
Anna	Brazil	721	Empresa Nacional de Navegacao Hoepcke (Carlos Hoepcke S.A.)
Carl Hoepcke ...	Ditto	1,249	Ditto
Max	Ditto	247	Ditto
Presidente Mitre ...	Argentina	372	Cia Argentina Comercial e Industrial de Pesqueria
Presidente Roca ...	Ditto	412	Ditto
Fermina Concepcion	Spain	80	Manuel Rodriguez
Mercante	Portugal	212	Virgilio Duque Simoes
Carvalho	Ditto	27	Henrique Da Silva Pinto Ferro
Alvalazere	Ditto	258	Jose Rui de Matos Pereira
Southern Cross ...	Mexico	1,851	Axel Wennergren
Maria Amalia ...	Spain	744	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
San Eduardo... ...	Ditto	300	Ditto
Ellen (ex Nera Ametza)	Ditto	359	Ditto
Sidi Ifni	Ditto	732	S. A. Hispana-Africana de Reconocimentos Atlanticos.
Herlinda	Panama	425	Gulf Shipping Co.
Tolteca	Mexico	100	Cia Naviera de Cabotage S.A.
Maria 3°	Portugal	56	Pedro Joao de Sousa
Maria 5°	Ditto	56	Ditto
Maria Menuela ...	Ditto	10	Ditto
Goncalves Zarco		13	Ditto
Segundo	Ditto	52	Adao Pecheco Polonia
Carlos Alberto Primeiro	Ditto	58	Ditto
Saida Bandeira ...	Ditto	56	Ditto
Galvina	Ditto	63	Ditto
Segundo Enrique ...	Spain	113	D. Renate Grillis
Primer Enrique ...	Ditto	113	Ditto
Blanca de C	Ditto	285	Ramon Carranza.
Punta Alcazar ...	Ditto	150	Ditto
Punta Azamor ...	Ditto	151	Ditto
Punta Paloma ...	Ditto	157	Ditto
Punta Sabinal ...	Ditto	150	Ditto
Ramon de Carranza	Ditto	224	Ditto
Reina Victoria ...	Ditto	162	Ditto
Turquesa	Ditto	197	Jose Leon Carranza.
Paco	Ditto	300	Almadabra Marroquis.

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ADDITIONS TO "BLACK LIST"

The Board of Trade announce that they have made the Trading with the Enemy (Specified Persons) (Amendment) (No. 15) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. No. 1840, price 3d.) containing 377 additions to the "Black List" of traders in neutral countries with whom it is unlawful to have dealings of any kind.

Persons owing moneys to, or holding or managing the property of, specified persons are reminded that they are under statutory obligation to report particulars to the Custodians of Enemy Property.

KNITTED GOODS

The Board of Trade desire to clarify the position in regard to substandard or "seconds" knitted goods. All knitted goods which, during the course of manufacture, or during any subsequent process before sale, become substandard, or imperfect or seconds, must be counted against the Direction or licence to manufacture issued under the Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) Directions, S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1003 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 30 May 1942, page 272). Substandard goods may be supplied at any time, provided that the total quantity of perfect and substandard goods manufactured during the period 1 July to 31 October 1942, or any subsequent period, does not exceed the Direction or licence to manufacture for each respective period. Manufacturers should keep accurate records, in dozens, of all substandard goods manufactured during each production programme.

WEATHERPROOF TOP COATS

The type of overcoat worn by officers of the American Forces and known as a weatherproof top coat is to be regarded as included in the item U/2, Overcoat (including "British Warm"), of the Consumer Rationing Order, for which the pointing is 25 coupons.

EXTRA COUPONS FOR MANY MANUAL WORKERS

Many types of workers can now claim a special issue of 10 extra clothing coupons. The trades and occupations eligible for this supplement are explained in leaflet G.O.S. 10. This is now obtainable by employers, self-employed workers and trade union officials only—from the offices of the Local Government Board, Murray House, Douglas, Isle of Man, and employers are asked to post copies on works notice boards. The list of eligible workers will also be displayed on posters in many cinemas, public houses and in other convenient places.

How to Apply

Employers should obtain a supply of application forms E.D. 277 from the offices of the Local Government Board and distribute them to their employees. As soon as these forms have been filled in and returned to him each employer must make a collective application (on form E.D. 279) for the total number of coupons required. *This application, which will include the workers' National Registration Numbers, must be sent in by* 31 *October to the Local Government Board*, which will issue the coupons to the employer for him to distribute to the individual workers.

Employed workers, if eligible for the extra coupons, must obtain their application forms E.D. 277 from their employers or from their trade union. But the form when filled in must be returned to the employer who will issue the coupons as soon as they are received by him.

Self-employed workers who work "on their own account" (and so have no employer) and consider their work qualifies for the extra coupons must get the application form E.D. 278 from the offices of the Local Government Board, fill it up and return it to that office before 31 October.

When to Apply

Applicants should first make sure that their work qualifies them for the extra coupons by reading the leaflet G.O.S. 10. If they consider they are so qualified they should fill up the application form as soon as they can obtain one. The coupons will be issued as soon as possible, but they cannot be used until 12 October.

When not to Apply

Workers are asked not to apply for the extra coupons if they can possibly do without them. Remember that every coupon used means that some factory or workshop has had to use materials and labour for making this clothing instead of arming and equipping someone in the fighting forces.

The Board is examining the clothing needs of workers em-

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ployed in certain exceptionally heavy trades. No announcement can be made on the subject at present.

Enquiries

If any information or explanation of the scheme is wanted the workers should ask their trade unions, or if they are not members ask their employers. Employers should make their enquiries through employers' organisations.

STOCKS OF PROHIBITED CORSET ACCESSORIES

A General Licence (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1918, price 1d.) has been issued under the Making of Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) (No. 8) Order, 1942 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9 May 1942, page 242) permitting corset manufacturers to use up their stocks of the following accessories, the use of which has been prohibited in the manufacture of corsets and corset belts:

Trimmings.	Laces exceeding 4½ yards in length.
Lace or lace net.	Plush or velvet.
Wedge busks.	Hook and eye tape with less than 1¼ inches spacing.
Busks with more than 4 studs.	

The concession only applies in respect of corsets and belts which can be completed on or before 30 November. Applications for individual licences to use up remaining stocks of these accessories after the date will not normally be granted.

RESTRICTIONS ON SOCKS AND OTHER KNITTED GARMENTS

The Making of Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) (No. 14) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1919, price 1d.) restricts the leg length of all men's socks to 9 inches and 9½ inches for foot lengths not exceeding 10½ inches and exceeding 10½ inches respectively. Restrictions are also imposed on the leg length of boys' socks according to the foot length. A tolerance of ½ inch will be permitted in the leg length of both men's and boy's socks. The Order prohibits all striped and turn-down tops for men's, women's and children's three-quarter hose, and also roll or double turn-down tops for infants' and children's ankle socks. Stump socks and surgical hose are not affected by the Order.

Trimmings, embroidery and applique work are forbidden and restrictions are imposed on buttons, pockets and tabs on women's and girls' knitted jumpers and men's and boys' knitted pullovers and slipovers, and on men's and boys' and women's and girls' knitted cardigans. Knitted scarves may no longer have fringes, embroidery, trimmings or applique work and no ornamental transfers may be applied to any knitted garments.

The Order will come into force on 1 November 1942 and manufacturers of knitted goods are advised that the interval before this date should be used to adapt machinery to the new requirements. They are warned that no period of grace for making such changes will be permitted after 31 October.

CLOTHING CONCENTRATION IN THE NORTH WEST

Sir Thomas Barlow, Director General of Civilian Clothing, met representatives of employers and workers in the clothing industry at Manchester on 23 September, to hold with them a preliminary discussion on concentration procedure for Manchester and the North West, where a large amount of various types of clothing is normally produced.

Sir Thomas Barlow pointed out that in this region there is a heavy demand for labour for direct war industries. A primary need under concentration must be the release of a substantial volume of labour, though the release of factory space is also an important consideration. The aim of concentration was therefore not quite the same as at Leeds where the first instalment of concentration of the industry is now taking place.

Sir Thomas asked the meeting to consider the setting up of a concentration committee or of committees which might represent the various types of clothing production within the area. Committees would be needed both to advise individual manufacturers and to consult with the Government officials who would be in charge of the scheme.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

SHIPS' MANIFESTS

The Board of Trade have been advised by the Office of the High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa that the Commissioner of Customs, Pretoria, will, as a war time measure, accept additional copies of inward ships' manifests in lieu of the present Customs reports.

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MINISTRY OF FOOD ORDERS

In continuation of the list given in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 21 September (page 432), the following Orders, made by the Ministry of Food, have been published as S. R. & O. 1942, price 1d. except where indicated:—

No. 1855. Directions, dated 11 September 1942, under the Food Transport Order, 1941.

No. 1861. Order, dated 12 September 1942, amending the Butter, Margarine and Cooking Fats (Rationing) Order, 1942.

No. 1862. Order, dated 12 September 1942, amending the Tea (Rationing) Order, 1942.

No. 1863. The Manufactured and Pre-Packed Foods (Control) Order, dated 12 September 1942. (2d.)

INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS EXAMINATIONS

The next examinations for admission to the Institute of Marine Engineers will be held as follows: Students (Common Preliminary Examination), 6 to 9 April and 5 to 8 October 1943; Graduates (Section A of Associate Membership Examination), 31 May, 2 and 4 June 1943; and Associate Members, 31 May to 7 June 1943.

Syllabuses of these examinations, copies of previous papers, and particulars of exempting qualifications will be supplied on application to the Secretary, at 73 Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.

An examination for the award of a Lloyd's Register Scholarship in Marine Engineering, value £100 a year for three years, tenable at a British University, will be held on 31 May to 4 June 1943. Candidates must be British subjects between the ages of 18 and 21, who have been employed in engineering, either as apprentices or as college students, with the intention of entering upon the profession of marine engineering, and have served at least two years in commercial engineering workshops. Apprentices in H.M. Dockyards are not eligible for the Scholarship.

Full particulars may be obtained from the Secretary of the Institute at the address above-mentioned.

BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

A.C. ARC WELDING PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FOR HEAVY CONSTRUCTIONAL WORK

The above War Emergency Specification (B.S. 1071) has just been published by the British Standards Institution at the request of the Directorate of Industrial Electrical Equipment Machine Tool Control to provide A.C. welding equipment which is required for the increasing application of welding technique for shipbuilding and other similar heavy constructional work.

The equipment included in the specification is based on B.S. 638. The use of ammeters is not required—suitable scales fitted to the regulating device being used instead. A "war finish" is permitted and when drawings are required the makers outline drawings and diagrams of connections shall be accepted.

This Specification will be quoted by Government Departments in their contracts, and it is hoped its existence will prove of considerable assistance to the industry.

Copies of this British Standard may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 1s. 3d. post free.

CORED SOLDER: AMENDMENT SLIP

In view of the recent steps that have been taken to effect economy in the preparation of tin used in solders a war emergency revision slip has been issued to B.S. 441, which specifies that the grade of solders used in cored solders should conform to one of the five grades covered by the War Emergency British Standard No. 219.

In order to provide for the possibility of even lower tin solders being used a qualification is included to state that by agreement other alloys may be employed. It is, of course, intended that such alloys shall be alloys lower in tin than those covered by B.S. 219.

The opportunity has also been taken to extend the scope of the specification to include multicore solders and to modify the requirements as to the composition of the resin used for filling the core.

Copies of this amendment slip which bear the reference number P.D. 21 may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, Gratis, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes

BRITISH EMPIRE

CANADA

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT—LABELLING OF SACCHARIN

The "Canada Gazette" of 8 August contains a copy of an Order in Council (P.C. 6567) of 27 July which provides for the amendment of sub-division 1 of Division 1 of the regulations under the Food and Drugs Act, by the addition of the following paragraph :—

"17. To every package and container of saccharin or of any salt of saccharin sold or offered for sale to the general public on or after the 1st October, 1942, there shall be attached a label bearing the following legend in easily legible type: "Saccharin is not a food. It is a chemical substance without nutritive properties. It should be used in moderation."

BUDGET 1942

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 18 July (pages 338–340), H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa has now forwarded copies of Acts to amend the Excise Act, 1934 and Special War Revenue Act which confirm the amendments referred to with the following modifications.

(The Customs Tariff amendments have already been confirmed—see "Board of Trade Journal" of 7 September (page 412).)

Excise Act, 1934

The excise duty on imported malt syrup is increased to 40 cents per pound.

The excise duty of 12 cents per gallon on all imported beer or malt liquor has been cancelled.

Special War Revenue Act

Section 18 of the amending Act provides, *inter alia*, for the addition of the following section to the above-mentioned Act.

"79A (1) All cigarettes or manufactured tobacco whether imported or manufactured in Canada, shall, before they are offered for sale or are removed from the custody of the proper customs officer for sale or consumption, be put up and prepared in such packages as may be prescribed by regulations made under this Act, unless they are imported in such packages."

The excise tax on the under-mentioned goods manufactured in, or imported into Canada has been imposed or modified as shown below.

Goods	Excise Tax
Cigarettes. Each five cigarettes or fraction thereof ...	1 cent
Manufactured tobacco. Each ounce or fraction thereof ...	1 cent
("Manufactured tobacco," means every article except cigarettes or cigars made by a tobacco manufacturer from raw leaf tobacco by any process whatsoever and includes snuff.)	
Cameras, photographic films and plates, projectors for slides, films or pictures, except those designed exclusively for industrial professional photographers' use	25%
Phonographs, record playing devices, radio broadcast receiving sets and tubes thereof	25%
Chocolate, candy and confectionery which may be classed as candy or a substitute for candy	30%
Provided, however, that in respect of the goods mentioned hereunder the tax shall be :	
One cent on each article or unit selling regularly at a retail price of five cents.	
Two cents on each article or unit selling regularly at a retail price of ten cents.	
Three cents on each article or unit selling regularly at a retail price of fifteen cents.	
Trunks ; suitcases ; bags and luggage of all kinds ; purses ; wallets ; billfolds ; key and card cases ; handbags ; jewel cases ; dressing and toilet cases ; shopping bags, except paper bags ; golf and other sports bags ; all the foregoing whether fitted or not	35%
Ash trays ; tobacco pipes ; cigar and cigarette holders ; cigarette rolling devices and other smokers' accessories, not to include lighters, matches or tobacco	35%
Fountain pens ; propelling pencils, desk sets and all other desk accessories	35%

A retail purchase tax of 25% has been imposed on the following goods manufactured, produced in or imported into Canada when delivered to the consumer or user.

1. Trunks ; suitcases, bags and luggage of all kinds ; purses ; handbags ; jewel cases ; brief and catalogue cases ; dressing and toilet cases ; shopping bags, except paper bags ; golf and other sports bags ; all the foregoing whether fitted or not.

2. Clocks and watches adapted to household or personal use.

3. Articles commonly or commercially known as jewellery, whether real or imitation, including diamonds and other precious or semi-precious stones for personal use or for adornment of the person ; goldsmiths' and silversmiths' products including all gold, silver, chromium or other plated ware and pewter ware.

4. Articles of all kinds made in whole or in part of ivory, jet, amber, coral, mother of pearl, natural shells, tortoise shell, jade, onyx, lapis lazuli, or other semi-precious stones.

5. Articles of cut glassware, crystal glassware, cut or not, etched glassware, metal decorated glassware or marble.

6. Articles of china, porcelain, earthenware, stoneware or other pottery ware, except articles for use in the preparation or serving of food or drink.

7. Ash trays ; tobacco pipes ; cigar and cigarette holders ; cigarette rolling devices and other smokers' accessories, not to include lighters, matches or tobacco.

8. Fountain pens ; propelling pencils ; desk sets and all other desk accessories.

"Provided the tax hereby imposed shall not apply to goods of which the total cost to the consumer or user is not in excess of one dollar in the case of any goods mentioned in paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8 hereof, or not in excess of fifty cents in the case of any goods mentioned in paragraphs 3, 5, and 6 hereof."

EIRE

IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN SEEDS AND WINE

The Senior United Kingdom Trade Commissioner at Dublin has reported that the Minister for Agriculture has made an Order prohibiting on and after 1 September 1942 the importation, save under licence, of seeds of kale (including hungry gap kale, narrow stem kale and thousand-headed kale), mangel (including sugar mangel), rape, sugar beet and turnip (including swede turnip).

The Trade Commissioner also reports that the Minister for Supplies has made an Order, prohibiting on and after 7 September 1942 the importation of wine except under a permit which will ordinarily be granted only to persons who hold a wine importer's licence.

SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN IMPORT DUTIES

The Board of Trade have received a copy of a Notice, No. 407, issued by the Eire Revenue Commissioners which states that the Government has made an Order suspending, from 26 August 1942 until further notice, the import duty on (*a*) tape (other than woven tape) intended for use in relation to parcels in lieu of twine, and (*b*) holders of such tape and component parts of such holders.

IMPORT DUTY ON TEXTILE FLOOR COVERINGS

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1 August 1942, page 388, Notice No. 409 issued by the Eire Revenue Commissioners states that the Government has made an Order reducing, during the period 5 September 1942 to 4 March 1943, the preferential rate of duty on Textile floor coverings (Tariff Reference No. 90/1) from 40 per cent. to 20 per cent. ad valorem.

FOREIGN

EGYPT

EXPORT PROHIBITIONS

With reference to previous notices under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal," the Egyptian "Journal Officiel" of 27 August contains a Decree adding silverware set with precious stones to the list of goods, the exportation of which is prohibited except under special authorisation of the Minister of Finance.

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes—*Continued.*

TURKEY

CERTIFICATION OF INVOICES: NOTICE TO EXPORTERS

The Commercial Counsellor to H.M. Embassy at Ankara has reported by telegraph that according to a new regulation all invoices must be certified by the Turkish Commercial Attaché to the effect that the invoiced price is normal. This does not preclude visa of certificate of origin by Turkish Consulate as hitherto.

Trade and Industry

BRITISH INDIA

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX

The Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, reports that the wholesale price index for August is 192 compared with 182 for July.—*Trade Commissioner for India in London.*

ARGENTINA

FOREIGN TRADE JANUARY—JUNE

The following is a summary of the official Argentine foreign trade returns—excluding gold movements—for the first six months of 1942 and the two preceding years :—

Period	Imports	Exports	Trade Balance
	(Market values) Thous. pesos	(Market values) Thou. pesos	Thou. pesos
January-June 1942 ...	690,801	890,886	+ 200,085
January-June 1941 ...	506,456	733,800	+ 227,344
January-June 1940 ...	830,589	925,012	+ 94,423

It will be seen that, in comparison with the first six months of 1941, the market value of imports increased by 36·4 per cent. while in the case of exports the advance was 21·4 per cent. It should here be stated that Argentine imports are now shown in market value and not according to the tariff or Customs valuation, as hitherto.

The market value of the principal imports were (in thousand pesos) textiles and manufactures, 165,905 as against 81,565 in the first half of 1941; fuel and lubricants, 69,447 (89,961); chemicals, oils, paints, etc., 70,563 (46,989); metals (excluding iron) and manufactures, 43,911 (35,636); paper, cardboard, etc., 41,539 (34,548); machinery and vehicles, 67,113 (27,716); iron, steel and manufactures, 60,983 (62,333); timber and manufactures, 54,697 (39,164); foodstuffs, 31,513 (26,916); rubber and manufactures, 8,317 (8,520); pottery, glass, earthenware, etc., 19,494 (17,016).

As regards exports the chief items were: meat, 275,701 (194,724); wool, 110,837 (162,445); hides and skins, 82,712 (68,425); wheat, 79,589 (83,561); linseed, 42,440 (21,907); maize, 3,190 (9,554); oats, barley and rye, 2,741 (3,679); vegetable oils, 45,093 (4,762); pastural by-products, 44,481 (21,713); dairy produce, 32,105 (33,148); quebracho extract, 18,649 (20,135); live animals, 16,341 (10,953); and mining products, 16,008 (12,613).—*Bank of London and South America Ltd., London.*

Statutory and Other Government Notices

CORN PRICES

The following statement shows the average prices of British corn per cwt. of 112 Imperial † pounds as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 19 September 1942 pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882, and the Corn Sales Act, 1921 :—

Statutory and Other Government Notices—*Contd.*

Period	Average Price for Cwt.		
	Wheat	Barley	Oats
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Week ended 19 September 1942 ...	16 2	35 2	14 8

† Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, as amended by Section 2 of the Corn Sales Act, 1921, provides that in the weekly summary of quantities and prices each sort of British corn shall be computed with reference to the hundredweight of one hundred and twelve Imperial standard pounds.

PATENTS AND DESIGNS ACTS, 1907 TO 1942

PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 24

LICENCES OF RIGHT

The following Patents were indorsed "Licences of Right" on the dates specified below :—

No. of Patent	Grantee	Subject Matter
		12 *September* 1942
529077 533642	Differential Wheel Corporation.	Dual wheel vehicles. Dual wheel assemblies for vehicles.
		14 *September* 1942
511807	Wilson, R. W. ...	Closures for containers.
511538 511977	Micro Switch Corporation.	Electrical switching apparatus with arc-suppressing arrangements. Thermal control devices for electrical apparatus.
518448	Whitten, W. H. ...	Building methods and bricks therefor.

The Patent Office.

M. F. LINDLEY,
Comptroller-General.

POSTAL SECTION

CHRISTMAS MAILS

The Postmaster General announces that as it is impracticable, owing to war conditions, to publish the latest dates of posting for correspondence intended for Christmas delivery at destinations overseas, he would urge the public to post much earlier than in peace time. Christmas greetings, etc., for relatives and friends living in the more distant parts of the Empire should be posted at once.

MAILS LOST BY ENEMY ACTION

The Postmaster-General regrets to announce that the undermentioned parcel mails from Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar for the United Kingdom have been lost by enemy action :—

Districts and approximate dates of posting	
Nairobi	1-16 January.
Mombasa	8-23 January.
Kampala	4-17 January.
Dar-es-Salaam	29 December-17 January.
Tanga	6-20 January.
Zanzibar	12 December-17 January.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Art and Industry: October 1942. Published monthly by The Studio Ltd., 66 Chandos Place, London, E.C.2. (monthly, 1s.; annual subscription, 14s., post free).

EXPORT

The fact that goods made of raw materials in short supply owing to war conditions are advertised in this Journal should not be taken as an indication that they are necessarily available for export.

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PROVISION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS

Under the provisions of the Export Guarantees Act, 1939, the Export Credits Guarantee Department is authorised to give guarantees to United Kingdom exporters for the purpose of encouraging export trade. War conditions have greatly increased the risks to which exporters are exposed in oversea trading, and the Department has put into operation special facilities giving them protection against these risks on exceptionally favourable terms.

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(*b*) exchange restrictions in the buyer's country ;
(*c*) events such as war in the buyer's country preventing payment for goods shipped or preventing their delivery ;
(*d*) additional handling, insurance and freight charges not covered by Marine or Government war risk policies caused by interruption or diversion (through British Government instructions) of the voyage on which the goods are shipped.

The cover at present available is either 85 per cent. or 90 per cent., according to the particular risk.

The Department also issues a policy which enables exporters to quote firm c.i.f. prices some months ahead of shipment. Under this guarantee exporters in respect of any c.i.f. transaction are covered against any rise in marine insurance, Government war risk insurance and freight rates occurring within an agreed period (normally six months).

Other policies are available to meet special requirements of exporters in particular cases.

The strictest secrecy is observed in all correspondence and transactions.

Exporters are invited to apply for further particulars to the Headquarters of the Export Credits Guarantee Department at 9, Clements Lane, Lombard Street, London, E.C.4, or to any of the branch offices :—

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Telephone : Bradford 8912.
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Telephone : Central 3056.
Belfast—Scottish Provident Buildings, 7, Donegall Square West.
Telephone : Belfast 21116.
Edinburgh—A representative of the Department is in attendance every Wednesday at the Chamber of Commerce, 25, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, where he may be consulted on all matters connected with the Department's work.

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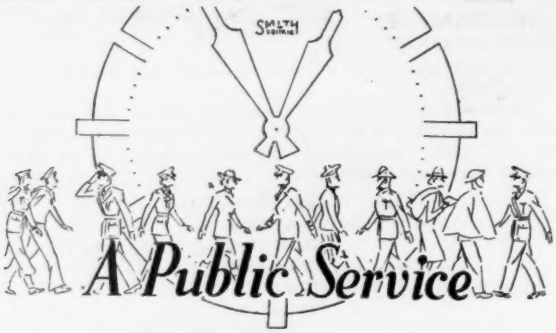

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